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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 01-338, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; CC Docket No. 96-98, Implementation of Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and CC Docket No. 98-147, Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter and supporting documents provide notice in the referenced proceedings of ex parte presentations on Friday, September 27, 2002 by Gary Donahee, Nortel Networks' President, Americas, and the undersigned. FCC participants at these meetings included Commissioner Abernathy and her Acting Senior Legal Advisor, Matthew Brill; Commissioner Martin; FCC Chief of Staff, Marsha MacBride and Deputy Media Bureau Chief and Special Counsel to the Chairman on Broadband Policy, Kyle Dixon; Bureau Chief, William Maher and Jessica Rosenworcel of the Wireline Competition Bureau; and Bureau Chief, Tom Sugrue and Jim Schlichting of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The presentations at these meetings were based on the enclosed documents, "Nortel Networks Public Policy Position" dated September 27th and the paper, "Ubiquitous Broadband and the Coming of Always-on Wireless Access." In addition, Nortel Networks urgently requested that the Commission resolve these proceedings as expeditiously as possible and emphasized the importance of resolving them in a way that encourages business case driven investment in telecommunications infrastructure thereby contributing to the recovery of the industry and benefiting the overall economy. Nortel Networks also suggested that the Commission adopt an approach that would prevent differing results among the states that would possibly negate the benefits to investment from the adoption of new Commission rules.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 202.347.4610.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures